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## Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

SIR William Joynson Hicks's Scotland Yard burglars have "discovered" important documents in the premises of Arcos, the headquarters of the Russian Trade Delegation in London, according to the Daily Mail, tory organ and unofficial mouthpiece of Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer and prime mover in the conspiracy to bring about a rupture of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and the Soviet Union. The important official secrets that the detectives were supposed to be looking for have not materialized but the burglars are still drilling away at the Soviet safes and they have not yet given up hope. Perhaps the forgers are a little behind schedule with the job.

As we predicted a few days ago our best capitalist papers will soon be publishing the captured documents judging from news dispatches that appeared in yesterday's papers. The extreme right wing of the tory government wants an immediate rupture of relations. Winston Churchill hopes to capture the premiership on this issue. He is a typical fascist and admirer of Mussolini. In this period of British imperialist disintegration Churchill may succeed in his schemes. The days of punitive expeditions abroad and peace at home are gone. The cradle land of liberalism is now a seething cauldron of revolutionary elements. Britain is approaching the day when the question of a Workers Government or a fascist dictatorship must be faced in real earnest.

PRESIDENT Doumergue and foreign minister Briand of France are about to pay a visit to Buckingham Palace. The visit is represented as a formality but it has political significance. The British King serves more purposes than contributing to the prosperity of sundry distilleries. He serves as a gaudy political shield to cover the wrinkles in British diplomacy. It should not be forgotten that president Poincaré of France visited the Czar of Russia shortly before the beginning of the late world war. It is almost a certainty that Russia will again be a topic of conversation at the Buckingham Palace talkfest, but this time it will be the Soviet Union, a power that can neither be bribed nor awed by the money or the military forces of imperialism.

THE K.K.K. is dying but the American Legion is its legitimate successor in the business of intolerance. This is the opinion of the Civil Liberties Union included in its summary of a report of violations of the rights of free speech and reactionary violence during 1926. The report states that there were 28 meetings broken up in 1926 against 22 in 1925, 34 lynchings in 1926 against 18 in 1925. Failure of congress to take action against lynching is blamed for the increase. Yes, sir, we are progressing.

THERE is still a headline or two left in the Snyder-Gray murder case. The culprits are on their way to Sing Sing and large sections of the population are counting the days until they can smell the burning tissues of the condemned murderers thru the lurid pictures of the execution that will appear in the capitalist press. The sadist spook-monger Roach Stratton will not sleep peacefully until the two unfortunates are wending their spiritual ways to either heaven or hell. Roach says he is hopeful Gray will take an upward flight because he surrendered to Jesus, but he has his doubts about Mrs. Snyder. Stratton may be one of those repressed fellows who hates women in general and pulchritudinous ones in particular. Too bad Jesus did not get busy in time and save both of them!

ARTHUR BRISBANE, the \$100,000 a year Hearst columnist (if not more) devotes some of his column space daily to boasting airplanes—military airplanes. What he does not know about aeronautics would fill a barrel but his customers are convinced of his infallibility and take him seriously. It is generally known that he is a high-priced writer and this is convincing proof to millions that he must be a very wise man. Talking to one of those millions recently about Arthur, I observed that politically, the millionaire columnist was an ass. "For \$100,000 a year" came to reply, "I would be willing to be a drove of swine." There you are.

THE state of Tennessee pays its women workers \$11 for a week. (Continued on Page Three)

# ARCOS RAIDS DISCREDIT TORY GOVERNMENT

## Jail Bronx Barber Pickets

### UNION FOR GIRLS MAIN DEMAND OF MEN ON STRIKE

#### 700 Women Walk Out to Build Organization

The new day in barbering brought 700 beauty parlor and manicure girls out on strike yesterday side by side with 1,200 barbers in the Bronx. With 700 shops and parlors affected, picking was being actively organized and plans laid for a decisive struggle with the master barbers for the right of the women to organize and get better conditions along with the wielders of razor and shears.

The main demand is to compel employers to allow their women workers to join Barbers Local 560 and enjoy the protection of that union. The action followed a spirited meeting of the members of the union and the girls at McKinley Sq. Gardens, McKinley Sq. and Boston Road on Sunday. By a nearly unanimous vote, the members decided to close every union shop in the Bronx.

Eight barbers were arrested on the picket line yesterday as police continued their determined drive against strikes of all kinds. Hardly had the pickets appeared before police swooped down on them, as in the laundry drivers' strike against the North American Laundry in Harlem. The standard call, \$500, was demanded of each striker.

#### Picket Line Efficient

The Palace Beauty Shop on 163rd St. and the Thomas Beauty Shop at 730 E. 178th St. were among the few shops which tried to maintain the pretense of business as usual yesterday. In other shops, the bosses took care of occasional customers who were not aware of the strike.

On the other hand the union was organizing the picket lines so capably that few shops in the Bronx were not advertised as non-union. Strikers, in seven-passenger automobiles loaned by members of the union, toured the Bronx inspecting shops and keeping account of the score of scabs. Of these a few were deserters from the union. They have had \$25 fines placed on them already.

President Polachetti of the Master Barbers' Association of the Bronx and leader of the bosses, is keeping his shop open at 176th St. and South Blvd.

President Harry Quinto addressed the unionists at the strike meeting, reviewing efforts to negotiate with the bosses and emphasizing the basic contention that until they are willing to allow their women workers to organize, there can be no settlement of the strike. The new agreement, aside from this point, would be much like the old one.

Sadie Reich, organizer, for the Women's Trade Union League, encouraged the girls to stay out until their demands are met. Betty Hawley, vice-president of the New York Traction Trust

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### Wall Street Declares War Upon Labor Through Its Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of the United States has declared the California criminal syndicalism law constitutional. According to press dispatches the decision is unanimous, Justices Holmes and Brandeis concurring but for different reasons than their associates.

This decision which places the so-called "war measures" in the law of the land follows on the heels of the Bedford Cut Stone Company ruling outlawing the ordinary defense activities of labor unions.

The Supreme Court has once more proved its right to its title of "bulwark of American capitalism."

The recent decision made in the case of Charlotte Anita Whitney upholds without qualification the police power of the state. The defendant was not charged with commission of any act of violence but was convicted simply on a judicial interpretation of the possible consequences of her utterances and beliefs as a member of the Communist Labor Party—later absorbed in the Communist Party.

The Supreme Court's ruling smashes completely all foolish notions relative to the "emergency character" of the war time legislation embodied in the criminal syndicalism laws of the various states and shows that these exceptional laws simply expressed the development of American government into a more direct and efficient instrument of American capitalism in its new stage—imperialism.

Under the criminal syndicalism laws backed by the Supreme Court's decision the constitutional rights of free speech, press and assembly no longer have any legal existence—any policeman may abrogate them at will. Neither is it necessary for there to be a declaration of an "emergency" by the constituted authorities—the criminal syndicalism laws have been made unavailable through court procedure and can be used to disrupt labor unions, working class political parties and imprison their members and officials.

The speed with which American government is setting up its instruments for aggression against the working class in all fields of activity is all the more dangerous in that the official leaders of the American labor movement join hands with government agencies against the most militant sections of the working class as in the Furriers and Cloakmakers Union cases.

To every intelligent worker in the United States the two recent decisions of the Supreme Court, supplementing each other,

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### BEHA STALLS ON QUIZ OF "BIG FOUR" AS EXPOSE BRINGS ON HUGE SCARE

By CHARLES YALE HARRISON

Because of the immense popular interest which is being manifested in the DAILY WORKER insurance exposure it is deemed advisable to correspond with insurance and state officials openly and in full view of all parties interested.

To the Hon. James A. Beha, Insurance Department, New York:

Dear Sir:

It is now more than two weeks since you wrote to the DAILY WORKER asking for detailed information on our expose of the "Big Four." Since that time nothing has happened.

Because the cause we are espousing is one that vitally affects tens of millions of worker-policyholders, and because the charges made in this series of articles are of such a nature as to brand the officials and directors of the "Big Four" as public looters we demand an official reply to our letter to you wherein these charges are enumerated.

We Accuse

We have charged that there are officers in the employ of "Big Four" who were bribed with high positions for whitewashing the industrial insurance companies at the time of the Armstrong Insurance Investigation.

We contend that the presence of such men in the employ of these companies proves that a condition still exists which requires illegal covering up.

Since the publication of this series of articles one of these offenders, Senator William J. Tully, under pressure resigned from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

We have proved that of all weekly payment policy terminations every year more than 75% are total loss lapses and that only one per cent of all terminations are maturities. We would like to know if this condition in itself does not warrant action on your part which will result in more just policy conditions whereby such a murderous lapse rate would be impossible.

We have proved that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has an average balance in the Chase National Bank of not less than \$20,000,000 at all times. We further adduced facts to prove that the Chase National Bank

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### JOBLESS MENACE IN FLOOD REGION AS WATER EBBS

#### To Plant or Not to Plant Is Question

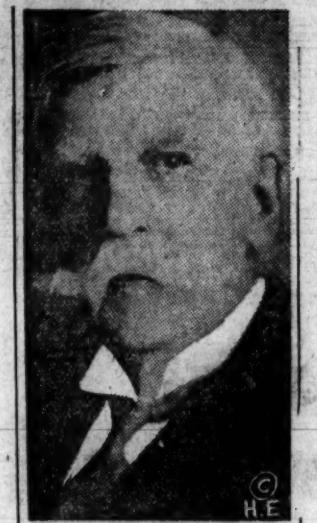
While thousands of flood refugees are crowding concentration camps, and some prostrating victims are still being rescued from the tops of trees and the roofs of barns in the flood area, and while tons of water are rushing thru Louisiana in a mad dash for the Gulf of Mexico, the United States department of agriculture is at work preparing data telling the farmers what they can grow as soon as the eight or nine feet of water subsides and leaves them their rich, muddy acres once more.

Except for the sugar cane regions, 65 per cent of the flooded lands have regularly been planted with cotton, but according to experts it is not now possible or desirable to plant this area in cotton this year. The department of agriculture will advocate planting a certain amount of acreage in cotton as a "cash crop," and this will probably be done as fast as the water subsides.

The farmers will also be urged to plant part of their fields with a "food crop" to feed their families as soon as possible. In the sugar cane section, it will not be possible to plant another crop this year and there is some talk of this industry passing away from this part of the country now that the crop has been destroyed by the flood. Because of the

arrest of the Chase National Bank  
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### Oliver Wendell Holmes Sullies Great Name



OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES  
By concurring with the decision of his associates to uphold the iniquitous criminal syndicalism law of California, Oliver Wendell Holmes, a member of the great anti-slavery poet's family, helps to perpetuate slavery in America.

### SYNDICALIST LAW OF CALIFORNIA IS UPHELD BY U. S.

#### Supreme Court Sustains Whitney Conviction

WASHINGTON, May 16.—California's criminal Syndicalism law was held constitutional today by the Supreme court, in affirming the conviction of Charlotte Anita Whitney, of Oakland, under that statute.

Miss Whitney, social worker and club woman, was convicted and sentenced to from one to fourteen years in the penitentiary for attending a convention of the Communist Labor Party in Oakland in 1919.

Constitutionality of the law was upheld by lower courts and on an earlier appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States the case was thrown out for lack of jurisdiction.

Miss Whitney held the constitutional right of peaceful assembly was violated by the California law.

Justice Sanford read the opinion. Justice Holmes and Brandeis concurred, but on different grounds.

The court Justice Sanford said, considered only one federal question—whether the act violated the due process clause of the constitution.

The court held that the clause was not violated. The right of free speech could not be resorted to by Miss Whitney in seeking freedom, the court held, as she was accused of "inciting others" to the crime of overthrowing the government.

Fiske Appeal Won

Harold B. Fiske, a member of the

L. W. W., appealing from the Kansas

Supreme Court which affirmed his conviction and sentence of one to

ten years in prison for violation of

the state criminal syndicalism law,

won his appeal. The court held that

the Kansas Law was applied in an

unconstitutional manner.

The evidence in the case,

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### "America" Author's Bail Set at \$500

David Gordon, author of the poem "America" whose publication in the DAILY WORKER of March 12 caused the arrest of the editor and business manager, was arraigned yesterday morning before Magistrate Edward Weil on the charge of circulating "lewd and obscene" matter.

Gordon was held for Special Ses-

sions on \$500 bail; the same amount

which was named at the time of his

arrest a week ago.

SACCO and VANZETTI  
SHALL NOT DIE!

### DIE-HARDS FAIL TO FIND "MISSING DOCUMENTS"; FACE LABOR PROTEST

Laborites Leave House As Government Applies  
Gag Rule to Anti-Strike Bill Debate

#### BULLETIN

LONDON, May 16.—The entire Labor Party delegation walked out of the House of Commons this afternoon in protest against the Government's proposal to apply "time-table procedure" to hasten the passage of the committee stages of the Trades Union Bill, limiting the powers of the trades unions to call strikes.

The walkout occurred after a rather heated question hour when the Government was criticized by the Labor members for the raids on the headquarters of the Soviet Trade Delegation.

The Government resolution to apply the "time-table procedure" was carried by a vote of 239 to 113.

The House was adjourned at 5.15 this afternoon, following the walkout of the Opposition.

LONDON, May 16.—While the police remained in possession of the Arcos offices, Tory ministers, who faced a barrage of questions from the Labor benches, were forced to admit in the House of Commons that the "missing official documents" which had served as the pretext for the raid had not been found. That the "missing documents" are pure myths created by the die-hard Cabinet is the opinion widely entertained here.

Home Secretary Joynson-Hicks also Prime Minister Baldwin and Foreign Minister Chamberlain.

The Russian Chargé has handed a (Continued on Page Five)

### FENG TAKES NORTHERN STRONGHOLD; EUGENE CHEN WARNS GREAT BRITAIN

SUN FO Predicts Early Collapse of Chiang Kai-Shek; Protest U. S. Bombardment

HANKOW, May 16.—General Feng Yu-hsiang, who has allied himself with the Hankow nationalists, is rapidly sweeping toward the Peking-Hankow railway in his two-fold drive against Chang Tso-lin. Reports received here state that Feng has captured Honanfu, former stronghold of Wu Pei-fu, central Chinese war unable to ignore.

That the Nationalists will take Peking within three months is the prediction of Sun Fo, Sun Yat-sen's correspondent, who declared in an interview with the Nationalist News Agency correspondent, that Chang Tso-lin's Mukden troops will be crushed by forces advancing from Hankow and Feng's troops moving south from the Shensi-Henan border.

Blow To Chiang. The defeat of the Mukden troops, Sun said, will also be a blow to Chiang Kai-shek because it will deprive him of the possibility of support from the northern militarists.

Sun Fo declared that Chiang Kai-shek's position is hopeless. In an effort to win the sympathy of the northern war lords, Chiang Kai-shek has been shooting down workers. Such methods Sun declared, will keep Chiang in power a very short time. Only two or three divisions are still loyal to Chiang, Sun said.

HANKOW, May 16.—In an interview with a Reuter's correspondent, Eugene Chen, Nationalist government minister, warned Great Britain against flirting with the Chiang Kai-shek "government" at Hankow.

"Before three months have passed we shall conquer our way to Peking, where in the name of Nationalist China and the Kuomintang, I will speak language Chamberlain will be

Police Commissioner Warren flatly refused yesterday to make public the names of the wealthy idlers caught by police in a raid on a millionaire's gambling den in the Hotel Briarfield, 2

## LEGION, CHURCH USURP PLACE OF K.K.K. TERRORISM

### Patrioteers Do Work of Hooded Order Now

The American Legion has replaced the Ku Klux Klan as "the most active agency in intolerance an repression" in the United States, according to a report just issued by the American Civil Liberties Union, with headquarters in New York City.

This statement is based on reports from 44 states, in 27 of which repressive tactics by the Legion are cited and also on the fact that "many of the attacks on freedom of speech during the year have been traced to propaganda emanating from the war department the American Legion and other patrioteers societies," according to the report.

#### K. K. K. Kroaks.

The Ku Klux Klan is losing its influence in practically every section, and in general the civil liberty situation throughout the country continues to improve, the report states. Lynchings and interference with public meetings are the exceptions to the general condition, acts of mob violence, and prosecutions involving civil liberties unless conditions attendant on industrial conflicts are considered, have vastly decreased. The report quotes a comparative table of these four fundamental violations of civil rights as follows: Of prosecutions involving civil liberty issues, there were 52 in 1926, compared with 352 in 1925; instances of mob violence are recorded as 21 for 1926, compared with 40 for 1925; there were 34 lynchings in 1926, compared with 18 in 1925; and 28 meetings were stopped in 1926, compared with 22 in 1925.

#### Congress Protests Lynching.

The increase in lynchings is attributed by the report to the failure of congress to take action on anti-lynching legislation. The number of prosecutions noted in 1926 does not include those arising from the many industrial disputes, which were included in the 1925 figures.

The Legion and the patrioteers' societies came in for another rap when the report discusses the educational situation. "These groups," it states, "together with the bible crusaders and other fundamentalist organizations are held responsible also for the inroads on freedom of teaching. Suppression of student publications, dismissals of teachers and students for expression of opinion, enforced military drill, compulsory bible reading laws and 'salute-the-flag' regulations, and one new anti-evolution law, in Mississippi mark the course of their campaign of repression and intolerance in 1926."

#### Pennsylvania First.

Civil liberty issues were prominent in industrial conflict in the Passaic textile strike, the Indiana Coal strike, the Rhode Island textile strike and the New York City fur and garment strikes. Prosecution of workers under state criminal syndicalism and sedition laws however has practically ceased. Pennsylvania has taken the lead over California, according to the report, in the number of prosecutions for opinion and expression.

The most important free-speech fight of the year, as recorded in the report was the New York City school board's ban against the American Civil Liberties Union, which revealed the existence of a "blacklist" against individuals whose opinions do not conform to those of board members.

### Unemployment Threat In Flooded Region

(Continued from Page One) petition of Cuban sugar, which is produced very cheaply because of the exploitation of labor, prices for Louisiana have been low for the past five years. The return from this sugar cane has also been low because of plant disease.

#### Fear Unemployment.

One of the most serious problems of this gigantic flood will be the unemployment to follow in its wake, and as usual these victims will have to shift for themselves as soon as the Red Cross withdraws its emergency relief work. Certain officials are quoted as stating that "it is expected that unemployment will, in large measure be offset by the need for labor in reconstruction of levees and in building construction." But building construction is destined to be mighty slow in communities where agriculture is the chief source of revenue, and this revenue has been cut off for months to come by the destructive waters of the Red, the Old, the Atchafalaya and the Mississippi Rivers.

According to the latest reports yesterday, there are 50,000 refugees already being cared for, and fully 50,000 more who will be made homeless in a few days.

#### Dallas Blast Kills 6.

DALLAS, Tex., May 16.—Six bodies had been recovered from the ruins of the Odd Fellows lodge building here, which was destroyed by fire and an explosion last night.

Fifty-six persons were injured, some seriously, in the blast.

### Exploitation of "Big Four" Agents to Be Exposed in New Series May 23

A series of ten articles exposing the swindling of industrial insurance agents by the "Big Four" will commence in the DAILY WORKER, Monday May 23rd and daily thereafter.

The series will be by Charles Yale Harrison and will deal with the exploitation of agents. The articles are being published at the request of thousands of agents who have written to the DAILY WORKER asking that the paper expose their cause also.

Be sure and see that your own insurance agent gets the first article!

### Beha Stalls On Quiz Of "Big Four" Companies

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and the Metropolitan, by means of an interlocking directorate, are one.

We also stated that the "mutual" policyholders of the Metropolitan do not benefit by this arrangement in any way. We showed that Charles M. Schwab, Henry Ollendorf, Frederick H. Ecker and Albert H. Wiggin, directors of the Chase National, are also directors of the so-called mutual Metropolitan. Apparently this does not seem to you to be a violation of good insurance practice. Your silence proves your tacit connivance.

#### Your Silence Evidence

We also brought evidence to show that this condition of bank directors interlocking with insurance directors is common with the Prudential, John Hancock and the Colonial Life Insurance Companies. Your silence is an evidence of guilt.

We charged that Frederick H. Ecker, vice president of the Metropolitan, is also a director of ten railroads in which tens of millions of Metropolitan "mutual" funds are invested.

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Added significance is given the supreme court's decision by the existence of criminal syndicalism seriously abridging free speech and assembly in nearly two score states. The California decision practically sets the seal of highest governmental approval of these invasions of rights "guaranteed" by the American constitution.

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#### Capitalist Papers Ignore It.

At the agency meetings of the "Big Four" managers have been instructed to boast to their agents that the capitalistic newspapers will ignore the DAILY WORKER attack and that it will come to naught. No mention was made of the truth of our charges, which they know, and you know are true.

Since the publication of this series have been attending luncheons and dinners paid for by insurance companies praising the "great institution of life insurance." Do you think that truly "great institutions of life insurance?" Do you think that truly great institutions stoop to petty larceny as do the "Big Four?" Do you think that your policy of silence lends prestige to the fraud of swindling American workers?

In a series of articles which are to commence next Monday we propose to show that the agents of these four companies are underpaid, swindled, fined and exploited just as the unfortunate policyholder is; will you be silent when we prove these charges?

Last year your salary increased from ten to twenty thousand dollars a year. Are you being grateful?

We hold that obligations or no obligation you come out into the open and either refute our charges or else see that the intolerable conditions which now exist in the industrial insurance business be wiped out completely.

When may we hope for action, Mr. Beha?

#### Labor Asks Freedom

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 16.—The Central Trades Council has passed a resolution unanimously requesting clemency for Sacco and Vanzetti.

### 'British' Navy Near New England Shore In War Maneuvers

FORT ADAMS, Newport, R. I., May 16.—In a drizzling rain U. S. Army Officers today laid tactical plans for the defense of New England from an invading British Army somewhere along the coast in this region in a joint Army-Navy "War" maneuver.

FORT ADAMS was a scene of activity. Planes dived overhead, troops marched and counter-marched. War correspondents arrived and were billeted in tents. To big disappearing guns of the coast forts were oiled up and put in readiness for action.

Defending warships were lined up in Narragansett Bay. Major General Preston Brown, in charge of the defending U. S. forces, inspected the various army units and conferred with army officers on plans to repel the invading British fleet.

Up to a late hour today the British fleet, which is "somewhere at sea" preparing to attack the coast and land 75,000 men, had not been sighted. Tonight great beams of searchlights will penetrate the sky for traces of the enemy. Airplanes are darting out over the sea at intervals for the same purpose.

When the British fleet is sighted, opening hostilities on a scale simulating actual war conditions will be begun.

### Criminal Syndicalism Law Upheld

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#### Sacco and Vanzetti Shall Not Die!

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Bootleggers can be compelled to file income tax returns, the supreme court ruled today in reversing a circuit court decision in the case of Manly S. Sullivan.

A sentence of six months in jail originally imposed on Sullivan in the South Carolina federal court stands with the decision.

The government appealed to the high court, after the circuit court of appeals reversing the district court held that the secrecy attached to income tax returns did not equal the constitutional immunity which provides that no person may be compelled to give incriminating evidence against himself.

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### Quebec Getting Liberal Party Government; 26 Arrested for Stuffing

MONTREAL, Que., May 16.—Provincial elections are being held throughout Quebec today. The return of a Liberal government is conceded.

The first charges of fraud in connection with the election were made today when Louis Fitch, K. C., Conservative candidate from St. Louis, and 26 others were arrested by police armed with five warrants charging electoral fraud. Fitch later was released on parole.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Free Incendiary Fire.

Sixteen families fled to the safety of the street early yesterday from a fire in the four story brick tenement house at 114 Belmont Ave., Brooklyn. Firemen found evidence that gasoline or kerosene had been spilled in the hallway of the first floor.

#### Will Unearth Herculaneum.

NAPLES, May 16.—King Victor Emanuel today went by destroyer to Resina, where he will inaugurate the excavation of the ancient city of Herculaneum, one of the most difficult attempts in the history of archaeology.

Herculaneum, once the resort of wealthy Romans, has been buried for nearly twenty centuries beneath a bed of lava flow, having been devastated by an eruption from Mount Vesuvius.

#### Baseball Fans Leave Hospitals.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—An autopsy was held today for Fred Haas, 58, who was killed when a section of the stand at Baker Bowl, home of the Philadelphia national league team, collapsed. Fifty persons were injured, but all have been released from hospitals.

#### Say Associates Killed Ensign.

LOS ANGELES, May 16.—Formation of a second naval board of inquiry into the unsolved riddle of the death of Ensign Julian J. Moshane of Maryland, awaited today arrival in port of the dreadnaught Tennessee. Moshane was attached to the Tennessee. The dreadnaught is due here tomorrow.

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#### Capitalist Papers Ignore It.

At the agency meetings of the "Big Four" managers have been instructed to boast to their agents that the capitalistic newspapers will ignore the DAILY WORKER attack and that it will come to naught. No mention was made of the truth of our charges, which they know, and you know are true.

Since the publication of this series have been attending luncheons and dinners paid for by insurance companies praising the "great institution of life insurance." Do you think that truly "great institutions of life insurance?" Do you think that truly great institutions stoop to petty larceny as do the "Big Four?" Do you think that your policy of silence lends prestige to the fraud of swindling American workers?

In a series of articles which are to commence next Monday we propose to show that the agents of these four companies are underpaid, swindled, fined and exploited just as the unfortunate policyholder is; will you be silent when we prove these charges?

Last year your salary increased from ten to twenty thousand dollars a year. Are you being grateful?

We hold that obligations or no obligation you come out into the open and either refute our charges or else see that the intolerable conditions which now exist in the industrial insurance business be wiped out completely.

When may we hope for action, Mr. Beha?

#### Lamont, Morgan's Partner, Praised U. S. Imperialism

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(FP)—Thomas W. Lamont, member of Morgan & Co

# Manifesto of the Fifth Congress of the Communist Party of Mexico

Peasants and Workers of The Republic! Comrades:

The recent events which have occurred in the Republic, the uprising of the Gallegos in Guanajuato; the rebellious outbreaks in the region of Los Altos, Jalisco; the assault on a railway train in the North, the recent conflicts in Chihuahua; the slaughter of Federal soldiers in Jalisco and finally the massacre of unarmed workers in Yurecuro, mark the beginning of a new civil war; they are the first signals of the conflict which threatens the country.

It could be pointed out that since 1910 the situation in Mexico is characterized by a series of fundamental contradictions which penetrate the entire economic and political life of the country. We need to mention: (1) the antagonism between the governing petty bourgeoisie, and the remains of the feudalistic State; (2) the antagonism between the nationalistic petty bourgeoisie and the economic hegemony of foreign capital; (3) the antagonism between national and foreign on one side, and the workers and peasants of the other; (4) and the antagonism between the Federal Government and a number of the State Governments.

All attempts to solve these contradictions, only lead to their accentuation, and give origin to inflammatory situations which stir the country into a state of constant agitation and restlessness.

## The 1927 Constitution.

The political power of the small bourgeoisie against the dictatorship of the feudal state and the unlimited power of foreign capital, found its expression in the constitution of 1917.

The Constitution of 1917 expresses the effort of the young Mexican bourgeoisie, and other advanced elements of this epoch, to harmonize the interests of the landlords with those of the masses of peasants, and the interests of national and foreign capital with those of the industrial proletariat.

The very development of the Revolution, the struggle of the peasant masses for the land, the struggle of the working class for betterment in working and living conditions, and the very necessity of the petty bourgeoisie to defend its position against the continuous attacks of reaction and foreign capital, have obligated the promulgation of the rather radical laws, such as Article 27, 123, and 130 of the Constitution, which favor the creation of a national economy, and

## The Petty Bourgeoisie in Power

Since 1917 reaction has on many occasions attempted to reconquer its lost ground. Sustained by foreign capital it organized counter revolutionary insurrections, incited bandit groups that pillaged the peasants, and set on foot a campaign against the Government under the cloak of the Catholic Church. But the revolutionary governments instead of crushing with a steel arm the reactionary forces, have followed out a policy of compromises, delaying the reparation of the land, and restraining the struggle of the industrial proletariat against the foreign exploiters.

Lacking a solid economic base, and being politically disjointed by regionalism, the power of the petty bourgeoisie does not rest on its own strength, but rather on the weakness of the reactionary forces on the one part, and on the lack of development and the dispersion of the working and peasant class.

The crises confronting the petty bourgeoisie manifests itself clearly in the economic situation. To realize its program of national reconstruction the petty bourgeoisie not only desires to harmonize the interests of essentially opposed classes, but has sought also to conciliate irreconcilable economic forms. It has tried to oppose and put into competition to large scale rural ownership, a system of small ownership, and to the power of large capitalist enterprise small industry of town and country. A network of producers and consumers' cooperatives, and the creation of agricultural credit banks and labor banks, was to be destined to constitute the financial and organic base of this national economy, a medley of capitalist and socialist production.

To seek to realize such a program in a country whose exploited wealth is two thirds in the hands of foreign capital, where reaction makes alliances with the imperialist interest without first breaking the economic forms of capitalist society, is to deceive ones self and to deceive the masses of workers and peasants.

To solve in part the economic problem, and to satisfy the requirements of the external debt, which burdens the Mexican people, the Government has had to reduce to the minimum its expenditure budget, readjusting to this reduction the personnel of the Public Administration and of their salaries. The greater number of the State Governments owe wages of many months to their employees, including pay to their armed forces, creating with this general discontent, which is favorable to the success of subversive propaganda.

Today, foreign capital, the only organized economic force in the coun-

try, refuses to extend aid to the Government. Capitalism cannot tolerate restriction in its field of activities, and the steadfast ever increasing tendency of industrial enterprise, toward centralization, is essentially opposed to every effort to sustain small production, the existence of isolated cooperatives and craft conditions.

The capitalist system demands for its development an absolute freedom, freedom for unlimited exploitation, freedom for extermination in its role as a tyrant like advance, of the middle classes, converting it into a slave proletarian, or into an outcast which has to exist on the crumbs thrown to it by the capitalist society.

Today this immediate interest consists in the broadest alliance with the petty bourgeoisie for the defense of the existing Calles Government, against the reactionaries and against the menace of American intervention.

Owing to the vacillating politics of this same government, to the stupid and brutal tactics of Morones against the autonomous unions, and owing to the economic situation which is getting more difficult each day, there exists the danger that sections of workers and peasants will incline toward those elements which are preparing for the destruction of the present government.

The Communist Party calls upon all and every one of its members, upon all organizations independent and opposed to the CROM, to all those affiliated to the national Peasant League and to the Agrarian Party, upon all workers and peasants organized within the CROM and in the Labor Party and to all workers at large, for the formation of a united front, for a workers and peasants' bloc—building around the Calles government a wall of defense against the reaction.

## Two Roads.

Today the power of the petty bourgeoisie finds itself threatened. Reaction organizes its forces to a point of centralization so that it may land a powerful blow to the Government of General Calles. The aim of the reaction is to implant a military dictatorship, tear up the constitution of 1917, and put an end to the revolutionary movement of the workers and the peasants.

One must not for a moment doubt that behind the guns of the rebellion, behind the assassin's dagger of the Catholic Church, rises the gloomy shadow of Yankee Imperialism, the claws of the American Oil Kings, eager to extirpate the soil of Mexico of its "black gold," the motivating force of present day imperialist domination.

The cancellation of the treaty of Juarez, opening a lane to the free introduction of arms into Mexican territory, can be considered as nothing else but the open aid of the United States to the enemies of the Calles government.

Before the petty bourgeoisie and before its administration two roads are left open: the road toward the left, toward the unification of all workers and peasant forces toward an implacable struggle against reaction and the road toward the right, toward compromise, toward political indecision, which will sooner or later fatally lead to a union with the landlords and with the foreign capitalists.

Only by means of the complete expropriation of the land and of the means for its cultivation, from the great land owners, and its repartition among the masses of poor landlord

tural enterprises as well as the means of communication and transportation; only by the union of the petty bourgeoisie with the proletariat, and the formation of a real workers and peasants' government, and the alliance of Mexico with the masses of the other Latin-American countries, exploited by American and British imperialism, will be realized a national reconstruction benefiting not only the small bourgeois minority, but as well the large majority of toilers in the land and in the town.

## We and the Government of General Calles.

The aims of the Communist Party are unknown to none. The Communist Party of Mexico (Mexican Section of the Communist International) struggles for the complete destruction of capitalist exploitation, for the economic and social liberation of the masses of workers and peasants, for the independence of all colonial and semi-colonial peoples and for the formation of the World Union of Soviet Republics.

But the Communist Party would not be the party of the vanguard, of the working class and of the masses of workers and peasants.

## SOVIET UNION AND CHINA ADD TO UNION POWER TWO MILLION MEMBERS; OTHER COUNTRIES LOSE

The Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and China are revealed as the only countries in which trade unionism is actively on the upgrade, in the annual review of trade union membership throughout the world issued by the Canadian department of labor. The department shows the workers of these two great countries almost solely responsible for the increase of 1,904,067 in the strength of the world trade union army in 1926.

The aggregate of organized workers at the close of 1926 in 46 countries covered by the report was 38,388,966. At the close of 1925 there were 36,448,067 organized workers.

The U. S. S. R. leads the world both in number of trade unionists and in gains compared with 1925. Unions at the end of 1926 are shown with 7,846,789 members compared with 6,604,684 at the close of 1925. Here is a gain of 1,242,105 members or nearly 20% in a single year.

The rapid growth of Chinese trade unionism, the most important force in the nationalist movement, renders figures out of date almost as soon as they are published. The report shows 1,240,000 organized Chinese workers compared with 300,000 at the close of 1925, a gain of 940,000 or more than 300%.

Trade union figures for the 16 countries as shown in the report are:

Australia 729,155  
Austria 1,044,068

of the fascist and clerical dictatorships in many of the countries of Europe and in Latin America, have taught the leaders of the bourgeoisie that the day is not very far distant when the oppressed proletariat, tired of sowing grain, only to die of hunger, of building palaces only to live in pig stalls, of filling the trenches with its corpses to overstock the coffers of the banking houses, united in a gigantic and invincible force, will rise to vanquish its oppressors.

Imperialism—enemy of Soviet Russia, enemy of the Chinese people, enemy of the world proletariat—is also the enemy of Mexico! The reaction is no more than the sister to imperialism, united to it in order to strangle and crush freedom and human progress.

Comrades, forward! Unite to make powerful the forces of our country! Fight for the defense of your lives and your honor!

5th Congress of the COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO—Translated from *El Machete* No. 63—by J.N.S.

## Anti-Union Bill Like Blacklegs' Charter of 1800

London, May 16.—A striking parallel to the present British Anti-Union Bill is found in the "Blacklegs' Charter" of 1799 and 1800 which carried the official name of the Combination Laws.

The first Act was rushed through Parliament with lightning speed; the second Act, passed in consequence of the protests that the first Act had provoked, modified some of its worst features, though it left the trade unions at the mercy of the employers.

Boss Also Judge.

Under the first act any workman who combined with any other workman for the purpose of obtaining an increase of wages could be brought before a single magistrate, and on conviction, he could be sent to jail. The magistrate might be his own employer.

To attempt to raise wages was in itself a crime, and a man who tried to persuade somebody else to leave to collect money for the purpose of raising wages or resisting reductions, had himself open to prosecution.

In fact so "boundless" were the "crimes" created by the law that it was dangerous for workmen to converse with one another or with their own families.

## FOREIGN TRADE OF U.S.S.R.

According to the returns of the People's Commissariat of Trade of U. S. S. R., the total volume of Soviet foreign trade over the European frontier reached 619 million roubles in the first half of the economic year 1926-27 (October-March), as against 666 million roubles in the first half of 1925-26.

1st quarter of 1926-27 (October, November, December)

	Favorable	Bal-	Exports	Imports	Total	ance
	Imports	Exports	(in million roubles)	(in million roubles)	(in million roubles)	(in million roubles)
ber) ...	208.5	131.9	340.4	76.6		
Jan. 1927... 55.2	33.5	93.7	16.7			
Feb. " 49.1	37.9	87.0	11.2			
March " 57.4	40.5	97.9	16.9			
Total six months	370.2	248.8	619.0	121.4		

Thus the active balance in the first half of the year 1926-27 amounted to 121.4 million roubles, as compared with an adverse balance of 66 million roubles in the first half of 1925-26.

As compared with March, 1926, the exports in March, current year, were at the same level (the exports in March, 1926, also being 57.4 million roubles), while imports decreased by 23.9 per cent (67 million roubles in March, 1926). The total turnover in March, 1927, decreased 14.4 per cent against March of last year (114.4 million roubles in March, 1926), however, the trade in March, current year, yielded an active balance of 16.9 million roubles, against an active balance of 0.4 million roubles in March, 1926.

Latest figures from the Central Council of Trade Unions in the U. S. S. R. place the total trade union membership in that country at 9,539,200.

Similarly the All-China Labor Federation, in its appeal to the trade unions of the world, now claims 2,200,000 workers while the secretary of the Chinese seaman's union speaking in Berlin estimated that 3,000,000 Chinese workers would be represented at this year's trade union convention.

These later figures swell the membership of the world trade union army to well over 41,000,000, with the U. S. S. R. and China accounting for about 12,000,000 of the total.

## SLAVE LABOR IS ETHIOPIAN BAIT FOR U.S. CAPITAL

### Rich Resources Entice Yankee Exploiters

American capitalism has its eyes turned towards Ethiopia, formerly known as Abyssinia. An unlimited amount of rubber, coffee, potash and other resources with plenty of slave labor makes Ethiopia unusually attractive to this country.

The correspondent of the Chicago Daily News has described the situation in detail. Under the pretense of "freeing" the slaves of that country, foreign capital has been invited to purchase the slaves from their owners.

All Facilities.

The American correspondent reports that

"Seriously intentioned and responsible parties will be granted all the facilities and favors necessary to insure the financial success of their enterprise. The Abyssinian government is ready and eager to favor foreign capital which can develop the country and aid in the actual liberation of slavery by employing the slaves as workmen in their development projects."

The manner in which the slaves are to be "liberated" is described in the official announcement as follows:

"Foreign capital will be invited to lease tracts of land for the cultivation of coffee, rubber, fruit and other products and for the raising of cattle, sheep and horses. Such enterprises will be furnished slave labor and will be obliged to remit one-half of the laborer's wage to his owner, the other half to be held by the government until such time as his accumulated earnings will suffice to purchase his freedom, which, according to estimates so far obtainable, will be approximately five years."

Ready Response.

This proposal has found a ready response among American capitalists who are always looking for new fields to conquer.

The American consul at Aden, Arabia, in a report published by the Department of Commerce, headed, "Ethiopia, a Land of Vast Latent Wealth," writes:

"Ethiopia, or Abyssinia as the country was formerly known, is one of the few productive regions of Africa in which no modern development has taken place in recent years. The latent wealth of Ethiopia is undoubtedly enormous. Its soil is suitable for grain cultivation on a large scale and it has rich resources of rubber, coal, copper, silver, iron, gold, potash and mica. Wild coffee grows in abundance and only awaits scientific cultivation to make it an important factor in the world's coffee markets."

American cotton textiles used to dominate the Ethiopian market, but of late years they have given way to the cheaper Japanese goods. About a quarter of the Ethiopian textile imports come from Manchester, England. . . . It is probable that there are fifty million silver dollars in the country at present, most of which is hidden in the ground."

SACCO and VANZETTI  
SHALL NOT DIE!

### Let's Fight On! Join The Workers Party!

In the loss of Comrade Ruthenberg the Workers (Communist) Party has lost its foremost leader and the American working class its staunchest fighter. This loss can only be overcome by many militant workers joining the Party that he built.

Fill out the application below and mail it. Become a member of the Workers (Communist) Party and carry forward the work of Comrade Ruthenberg.

I want to become a member of the Workers (Communist) Party.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail this application to the Workers Party, 108 East 14th Street, New York City; or if in other city to Workers Party, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Distribute the Ruthenberg pamphlet, "The Workers" (Communist) Party, What it Stands For and Why Workers Should Join." This Ruthenberg pamphlet will be the basic pamphlet through the Ruthenberg Drive.

Every Party Nucleus must collect 50 cents from every member and will receive 20 pamphlets for every member to sell or distribute.

Nuclei in the New York District will get their pamphlets from the District office—108 East 14th St.

Nuclei outside of the New York District write to The DAILY WORKER publishing Co., 33 East First Street, New York City, or to the National Office, Workers Party, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

### CURRENT EVENTS By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

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work of from nine to ten hours a day. Unions are conspicuous by their absence in Tennessee but not so evangelists. It was in Tennessee that a young teacher by the name of Scopes was convicted of the charge of teaching evolution in a public school. Yes, the Tennessee employers are very much excited over the salvation of the souls of its women folk but is quite satisfied to let them experience a hell upon earth at the rate of \$11 for a week's work.

FATHER cures paralyzed boy" reads a headline. Reading the text we learn that a dry goods merchant sacrificed a money-making business to study physiotherapy so that he could gain for his son the use of his limbs which were paralyzed by an attack of Infantile paralysis when he was a few months old. The boy now walks with the aid of crutches. It may be a news story and then again it may be an ad for a new health fad. Anyhow we are glad the boy is able to walk even with crutches so we would have more regard for the veracity of the story if he walked without them.

BENITO MUSSOLINI is trying hard to make his photographs look like those of Napoleon. Evidently the "great man" has passed the word around that he will be pleased to be regarded as the political heir of the "little

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## Nicaragua Cannot Achieve Freedom by Submitting to United States

Encouraging reports are coming out of Nicaragua to the effect that many thousands of the forces successfully struggling against the government of the Wall Street puppet, Diaz, have refused to lay down their arms and will continue fighting. Some of them even declare that they will lay down their lives rather than submit to a government imposed upon them by the power of foreign bayonets.

Reports of wholesale disarmament appearing in the kept press are probably considerably exaggerated, but there is undoubtedly a large number that has disarmed under the threat of the Coolidge emissary, Stimson, to wage war against them with all the forces at his command—which means sufficient to crush the liberal government and maintain the usurper, Diaz, in power, in spite of the fact that he is despised by the overwhelming majority of the people of Nicaragua who know that he is merely the bribed tool of imperialism.

Dr. Juan Sacasa, the liberal president, whom the United States is trying to destroy because he would not yield to the blandishments of Wall Street, announces that the liberals will have nothing to do with the Diaz government. However, he does yield to the threat of Stimson and explains that his army "can only sacrifice itself or submit to the strength of a foreign power which, instead of being a bulwark of justice and right, has nullified the popular will of the Nicaraguan people as expressed in the free election of 1924 and ratified on the battlefield for the past six months."

Sacasa goes on to express his admiration for the United States and is an ardent advocate of "real Pan-Americanism," in spite of the terror practiced against and the deception practiced upon his people. These are not sentiments of a determined fighter, but of a puerile liberal.

Sacasa, to justify his leadership of the Nicaraguan masses in their struggle against American imperialism, should emphasize the fact that the Pan-Americanism we hear so much about is only an imperialist snare in which to enmesh the southern republics. It is a Pan-Americanism with the United States playing the part of overlord, just as Pan-Slavism so energetically promulgated by Czarist Russia was a slogan of vicious reaction that aimed to achieve czarist domination of all Slavic countries, with the final ambitious goal the domination of all Europe.

To justify himself as a leader of the Nicaraguan rebels against Wall Street's government at Washington, Sacasa should not only refuse to sanction disarmament by the American marines, but he should utilize his present position to discredit the Pan-Americanism of the banking houses and try to rouse all the neighboring republics against the frightfulness of the imperialists who continuously make bandit raids upon the nations of Latin-America.

Furthermore, instead of giving up their arms, the liberal forces should keep them. If the invading hordes of the United States are too overwhelming they should resort to deception and conceal their arms they now have and get as many more as they can obtain to hold in readiness when Nicaragua and other nations suffering under the blight of Wall Street can rise and drive the invaders from their shores.

## Tammany Defends Right to Steal Elections

Tammany Hall is in an uproar. Judge Olvany, office boy for Governor Al. Smith, Wall Street's and pope's candidate for the democratic party nomination for president, and the Tammany district leaders held a secret meeting the other night at which they endeavored to devise plans to defeat the introduction of voting machines and a reduction of the number of election districts. Such an innovation would throw out some hundreds of Tammany election officials and disrupt the present machinery built up for the purpose of election steals.

No one should labor under the illusion that the introduction of voting machines and the reduction of the districts 25 per cent would guarantee correct returns on election day. Tammany objects to the introduction of the new system because it will force it to reorganize its machinery for stealing elections, not because it believes it will guarantee an honest count of the votes. It will devise a means of fixing the machines so that they will be equally as effective as the approved Tammany stunt of stuffing ballot boxes.

"Ten years hence the level of life in Russia will be far higher than it was before the war, and in the rest of Europe it will be lower than it was before the war," reluctantly asserts John Maynard Keynes, the bourgeois economist of England. Mr. Keynes, of course, is banking on the hope that the rest of Europe will then be capitalistic, otherwise he would have to qualify his statement.

Al Smith's articles of faith and patriotism which were calculated to aid him in his campaign to secure the democratic nomination for president of the United States fall rather flat in the light of the exposure of the fine Italian hand of the agents of the Pope in Mexico who staged the sanguinary train massacre a few days ago.

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# Spargo's Journey from Socialism to Facism

By H. M. WICKS

AGAIN the diminutive, warped, ameboidous flunkie of imperialism and former ornament of the Socialist party, John Spargo, slimly creeps over the pages of the reptile press, leaving behind a trail of venom against the working class, the class that for years enabled him to exist and satisfy his exaggerated ego by struttings as a leader.

This time Spargo appears as the defender of that other apostate, Mussolini. In a laudatory article appearing in the Sunday book review section of the New York Times, this mountebank, under pretext of reviewing a book titled, "Italy and Facism," by Luigi Sturzo, formerly a supporter but now an exile from the wrath of facism, indulges in the most debasing praise of the blood-streaked monster, Mussolini, that has yet appeared in print in any language.

IN praising Mussolini, Spargo endeavors to traduce Lenin. He says: "What Lenin represented in the leadership of the destructive forces that were unleashed in Europe, Mussolini became in the leadership of the conserving and constructive forces."

Thus the bloody despot who turned Italy into a shambles, with the sewers overflowing with the blood of the flower of the working class and who maintains his power by means of whole provocation and organized assassination against every element in society except the powerful capitalists whom he serves and the blackguard mercenaries who make up his armed forces, is eulogized by Spargo as a constructive force. This butcher who boasts that he has trampled underfoot what few liberties the Italian people once enjoyed, this despot whose system of organized terror rests like a pall upon all Italy and who indulges in ludicrous bombast about the glory of the Caesars is said by Spargo to have "attained such eminence that none can be said to rival him."

As opposed to his picture of Mussolini, Spargo, places Lenin, who, as the leader of the Bolshevik Party, rescued the workers and peasants of Russia from their age-long thralldom, and brought hundreds of thousands, nay millions, of them into active audile political life and inaugurated a system of government that is a thousand times more democratic than the most democratic capitalist government on the face of the earth. This man, the greatest insurrectionist who ever wrote his name on history's pages, the most far-seeing and daring liberator of all time, the man whose very name is the symbol of the epoch of the smattering of all time, the man whose humanity will ever know, and who, with infinite pains and profound understanding of the problem, confronting him began to build socialism out of the ruin left in Russia by the war and the counter-revolution, is traduced by the miserable scribbler, Spargo.

But to be reviled by a defender and an apologist for Mussolini is hereby to be honored. Lenin's name is written so large in the history of mankind that no Spargo can ever detract from it or add to it. Regardless of the oceans of ink that may be spilled in publishing the diatribes of Spargo and his ilk history will record the fact that Lenin was the leader of the forces that first broke through the rotten and decaying capitalist structure and unleashed the forces that will enable society to rise to new and immeasurable heights, while Mussolini will be recalled only as a lackey of capitalism, of reaction, who tried to stem the tide of history and make slavery for humanity eternal.

FROM socialism to facism, is the road travelled by Spargo. A road that has no retreat, the logical, inevitable goal of those who, like Spargo, started on the inclined plane of apostasy by first defaming the revolutionary elements of the working class and rapidly sank to the lowest depths of which human depravity can descend. Of all the renegades produced by the Socialist party only one other has plumbed the depths with Spargo—that worthy is Frank Bohn, one-time leading figure in the revolutionary movement who is also a contributor to the columns of the New York Times.

But many other assailants of the militant working class are rapidly travelling that road. Sigman, Oneal, Hillgate, former associates of Spargo, to mention only a few, will soon join him. Still denouncing facism in Italy, they practice it in action against the workers of the United States. Their theory will soon conform to their action.

TO the Marxists of the United States, the defection of Spargo came as no surprise. Long before the first blast of the trumpets of the war that signalized his desertion to the camp of the imperialists this man displayed his dishonesty and his vicious ignorance. His crimes against the working class while he was still one of the outstanding leaders and "theoreticians" for the socialist party evoked the opposition of the Marxian elements. Then, as now, this ex-preacher and ego-maniac was a voluminous writer and everything he touched he perverted. If the Socialist party in the United States had been a Marxian party, instead of a miser-

able parody of the worst elements of German social-democratic opportunism, Spargo would long ago have been kicked out of the party as a scoundrel and swindler fit only to sell himself to the people who now pay him for his services that he donated to them gratis while at the helm of the socialist forces.

His first outstanding crime was to write a book wherein, by a series of crude inventions, distortions and downright forgeries, he tried to prove the compatibility of socialism and religion. For this he was severely condemned by the Marxists of that day, including the present writer. But the official Hillquit, Berger, J. Stitt Wilson, Walter Thomas Mills, executive of the socialist party, defended Spargo and accused us of conspiracy to disrupt the party. To distort Marx in the most shameful manner was a virtue, to defend Marxism a crime against the party.

However, we in the United States were not alone in our denunciation of Spargo. It was not long before he was exposed as a life of unprincipled and fraudulent was this work that when it was translated into German the social-democratic party prohibited its circulation and Franz Mehring stalwart Marxist and brilliant

revolutionist branded the thing as a disgrace to the international (the pre-war second international) and an insult to the memory of Marx. His only rival in Marx distortion was James Oneal whose ability to twist the works of the theoretical founder of the revolutionary movement is only equalled by his mastery in perverting American history.

But the exposure of Spargo by Mehring did not prevent the socialist party circulating his disgraceful

and Wright and the still remained one of its bright and shining lights.

What compared to the ex-pulpit-pounder, Spargo, in the United States?

Had the socialist party been a Marxian party there would have been no Spargo of yesterday and therefore no Spargo of today. He and Frank Bohn constitute the rottenest offshoot of socialist opportunism, but others are on the road to keep them company and sooner than many expect old socialist acquaintances will be renewed and old alliances resurrected under the bloody banner of facism.

Just as Spargo's career in the socialist party indicated the road he would eventually take, so the present activities of his former associates prove that they are headed in the same direction.

## WORKERS SCHOOL DIRECTOR ANALYSES CHANGING AMERICAN WORKING CLASS; ROLE OF RIGHTS

The Workers School Open Forum closed the 1926-27 Sunday evening with a lecture by its director, Bertram D. Wolfe on "The Changing American Working Class." It was held at the school's headquarters, 108 East 14th Street.

Wolfe pointed out that the American working class is changing with American imperialism, taking over the privileged position held by Great Britain up to the time of the world war.

A majority of the world's telephones and automobiles are manufactured here and that more than one half of the gold in the vaults of the world are in American banks.

### Most Productive.

"The American working man," continued Wolfe, "is the most productive of corrupting parts of the working class will continue and will drive parts of the working class of this country to the right. This situation will continue as long as American capitalism is on the upgrade and continues its tribulations."

### For Upper Strata.

Referring to Matthew Woll, Wolfe pointed out that Woll wants the of the workers being opposed to using them as organs of working class struggle. Therefore he is opposed to strikes and any sharp form for the working class struggle.

### Pay Tribute.

"The capitalist of the other countries are paying tribute to the United States who is able therefore to throw out crumbs to its own workers. It can bribe large sections of the American working class. In fact, if it wanted to, it could give concessions to the entire working class of this country. But it does not do so; it hours for low wages.

### For Class Peace.

"The present drive against the left

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only give bribes to the strataically placed sections of the working class.

### Upward Trend Continues.

"How long will the privilege continue and are they going up or down? What is the trend? It is still upward. American capitalism having not yet reached its zenith, the peak of its power."

Wolfe then pointed to the development of trusts as the recent merger among banks, ice cream and florist corporations. He said that no industry is running to capacity of its plants.

"What effect will this upward trend have on the American working class?" he asked. "This tactic of corrupting parts of the working class will continue and will drive parts of the working class of this country to the right. This situation will continue as long as American capitalism is on the upgrade and continues its tribulations."

### For Upper Strata.

Referring to Matthew Woll, Wolfe pointed out that Woll wants the of the workers being opposed to using them as organs of working class struggle. Therefore he is opposed to strikes and any sharp form for the working class struggle.

### Pay Tribute.

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## Wall Street Declares War Upon Labor

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are a signal that the working class must take decisive action in two directions—also supplementing each other:

1. In all strikes, lockouts and boycotts the decision in the Bedford Cut Stone Company case must be disregarded—there must be organized mass resistance to this new form of slavery.

2. Intensive agitation and organization work for a labor party must be started in all sections of the working class movement.

That a new drive on labor has been prepared and has been launched already against the coal miners, certain sections of the building trades, the garment trades, etc., there cannot be any doubt.

The two reactionary decisions of the Supreme Court coincide with the beginning of this new offensive. The decisions also coincide with the new developments in the imperialist policy of aggression in Nicaragua, Mexico, the Philippines, China and elsewhere.

Externally Wall Street government is pursuing a policy of forcible and underhanded conquest of colonial and semi-colonial peoples.

Internally, the policy of Wall Street government is aggression against the working class and its organizations.

The policies and methods which secured gains for the workers during the pre-imperialist epoch are obsolete and ineffective now.

The identity of interest of workers and employers—the theory upon which the unions have based their policy and tactics—is obviously a dangerous delusion.

The Supreme Court decisions are class decisions—decisions in favor of the capitalist class.

The "nonpartisan" political policy—"punishing enemies and rewarding friends" in the ranks of the two Wall Street parties—is bankrupt. Wall Street welcomes this sham struggle and its supreme court welds the shackles tighter on the limbs of labor.

The time has come to fight.

If the present leadership of the American labor movement evades the struggle and its implications then a new leadership must be built.

Whoever, in the face of the declaration of war upon the American working class made by the two decisions of the Supreme Court, advocates a continuation of the old methods, whoever is against disregard of these decisions and against the organization of a mass party of labor, is an enemy of the working class and an apostle of surrender.

American workers must organize and fight!



## ANNE LAURIE

The producers of "Anne Laurie" have done it again. Under the wealth of scenic beauty they have covered the poverty of the picture.

The days of old Scotland when the clans fought each other to keep their cattle and property are pictured here. Justice emerges triumphant in the end. Of course it is not as simple as all that. There are many thrilling moments; there are rivers of blood, colorful battles, vigor, strength and just odes of patriotic high fervor.

Brotherly love and peace are eventual victors in the struggle of the Campbells and the McDonalds.

The poor but honest mountaineer McDonalds finally defeat the clan Campbell, who represent wealth and corruption and have misused the order of the King. All is finally lovely for King, Country and Justice.

In a play of such sentimentality Lillian Gish, naive and sweet to distraction, is well cast.—A. Gus.

## Broadway Briefs

Butler Davenport, director of the Bramhall Playhouse, announces the production of two plays at his little theatre on Twenty-seventh Street and Lexington Avenue. Beginning tonight he will present his own comedy "The Importance of Coming and Going" and "David Garrick" by Tom Robertson.

Aline Bernstein, the talented designer of costumes for the neighborhood Playhouse, will have an important role in the new "Grand Street Follies," which opens Thursday night at the Grand Street Theatre.

## Read The Daily Worker Every Day

PERTH AMBOY, May 16.—Albert Weisbord, leader of the Passaic textile strike and recent candidate for City Commissioner of Passaic on the Labor ticket, will speak Thursday evening, May 19, 8 P. M., at Columbia Hall. With him there will be other speakers, including Juliet Stu-

more clever method is used, that of the trade union officials leading the raids.

## N. Y. FUR LOCALS SEND DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

### Joint Board Denounces Violation of Rules

Altho the sub-committee of the International Fur Workers' Union has failed to notify the New York Joint Board of the convention announced for June 13, the Joint Board and its affiliated locals—1, 5, 10, and 15, will, as usual, elect and send delegates to Washington so it was announced yesterday by Ben Gold, manager of the Board.

These delegates will go prepared to make charges against both the officials of the International, and of the American Federation of Labor, for their activities during the 1926 strike, where they carried on secret negotiations with the bosses and attempted to "break" the Joint Board.

"The Joint Board is pleased to note that the officers of the International have at last yielded to its persistent demand for a convention," said Gold in making public the plans of the progressive group.

#### Violate Constitution.

"However, it is the first time in the history of the International Fur Workers' Union that the constitution of the International is so flagrantly violated. The last preceding convention set the first week in May as the date for the 1927 convention. The International officers arbitrarily disregarded this decision of the highest International authority without resorting to any of the legal processes provided by the constitution. They thus offer additional evidence of their utter contempt for constitutional and democratic practices. Such is evident in the influence of the special A. F. of L. committee.

"In ignoring democratic rule, in disregarding the wishes of the membership, in considering the constitution as a mere scrap of paper, the special committee of the A. F. of L. is, in the opinion of the Joint Board, acting in a manner absolutely contrary to the fundamental principles of the American trade union movement. This sort of procedure will unquestionably have its detrimental effect on thousands of workers."

The Joint Board, altho by decree of the International it is suspended, considers this whole procedure absolutely unconstitutional, since the International did not hold any trial, as is provided by the laws of the union.

In discussing the coming convention, which rumor says is to be held in the American Federation of Labor building in Washington Gold says:

"The Joint Board hopes that the delegates to the coming convention will be interested in practical union problems rather than in political intrigues of the A. F. of L., which has done very little to build the International Fur Workers' Union, but very much to destroy its power."

The Joint Board delegates will go to the convention with charges against the International officials and some of the officials of the A. F. of L. for seeking to break the 1926 strike of the fur workers, betraying the strikers by concluding a secret understanding with the manufacturers, for framing up the Joint Board representatives, for violating the International constitution, and, finally, for seeking to break the Joint Board and its Locals 1, 5, 10 and 15, and concluding a secret agreement with the manufacturers, which deprives the fur workers of their gains as a result of the 1926 strike.

The Joint Board attaches special importance to the fact that the convention is going to be held in the Federation Building in Washington. We undoubtedly appreciate the generosity of the A. F. of L. for granting

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### Admiral Bristol Wants To Cross Soviet Union On Way to China; Can't

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., May 16.—Admiral Bristol, newly appointed Commander of the American forces in China, has asked permission of the U. S. S. R. to cross the country on his way to China because his wife's illness made it impossible for her to stand the ocean trip. Admiral Bristol was refused permission to cross the U. S. S. R. on the grounds that the U. S. Government refused a visa to Comrades Piatka, Sokolnikoff and Kolontai.

In view, however, of Mrs. Bristol's illness, she was permitted to cross the U. S. S. R. on her way to China.

### Boost 100 Per Cent American for Team

That Iuanowahn Hopi Indian runner and snake dance priest from Oraibi, Ariz., will be a member of America's next Olympic team was considered a certainty yesterday as a result of his brilliant performance in winning the Marathon from this city to Long Beach, N. Y.

Its premises to our convention. We hope, however, that the A. F. of L. officials will not take advantage of this and seek to dictate terms and policies to their invited guests."

#### Reorganize Newark

Meanwhile, in their efforts to prepare a convention that will do its bidding without question, the A. F. of L. Reorganization Committee is beginning activities in Newark, and has started "reorganizing" the Rabbit Workers' Local there.

Two weeks ago this local was declared suspended because it did not pay to the International immediately upon demand its debt of \$5,000, contracted by the former corrupt administration of the local, headed by Milton Corbett, who is a right wing henchman.

The International is following the same old routine of opening new headquarters and inviting the workers to come and register. They have put in charge of this work Pietro Luci, a vice-president of the International, who is so hated by the Local 25 membership that when he tried to speak at one of their meetings, at which all the other right wing officials were present to argue their cases, Luci was not allowed in the hall, by request of the members. He has for a long time wanted the job of manager of this local; he has been promised it by the International, but the members have persistently refused to accept him, and have demanded a manager of their own choice. Now he is to be given his desire—at least so far as the International is concerned.

#### Loyal to Own Union

The members have different ideas about the matter. They still remain loyal to their own union, and to M. Langer, the manager they chose for themselves.

Altho it had been expected that the Supreme Court of Brooklyn might render some decision yesterday upon the application for certificates of reasonable doubt in the cases of the nine fur workers imprisoned at Mineola, there was no verdict from Judge May, who has the matter under consideration. It is possible there may be no word on this until tomorrow.

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### HELP WANTED

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Comrades are urged to report any time during the day.

### Union City Out 5,000 Strong for Sacco, Vanzetti

Union City, N. J., never saw a demonstration comparable to the great outpouring Sunday of workers to demand the freedom of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti. Five thousand workers jammed the public square, nearly as many as attended the recent Union Square demonstration in New York.

Louis Quintiliano of Il Martello, Vincenzo Vescica of Il Nuovo Mondo and at Devine of the International Labor Defense reviewed the celebrated case before a meeting where scores of bright hued standards and placards in English and Italian carried Sacco and Vanzetti slogans.

Twenty-three organizations, many of them Italian, joined in the meeting.

### Jail Eight Pickets in Barber's Strike

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State Federation of Labor, appealed to the girls to stand firm and take their work out of the "tip" class and make it a self-supporting and self-warded to Warsaw.

The union demands that all workers be hired through the union hall and that barbers working only Friday and Saturday to take care of the week-end rush be given \$22 instead of \$20, while Saturday workers get \$14 instead of \$12. A ten-hour day is also asked.

Leading points in the proposed contract are:

A working day of 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. on Saturdays, when they will work until 9.

Agreement that the master barber is not to open the shop himself before 8 A. M.

A working day of 8 A. M. to 1 P. M. on legal holidays, with a compensating half day off for the barbers in that same week.

Extra men who work Fridays and Saturdays only, to receive \$22 for the two days instead of \$20, the present rate.

The manicurists want union recognition and ask for a fixed salary of \$18 a week and 50 per cent of all profits from their work exceeding \$26 a week.

In the beauty parlors, the booth workers all ask a salary of \$35 a week plus 50 per cent of all profits in excess of \$50 a week.

The hair dyers and permanent wavers, who do other work as well, want a flat 25 per cent on all hair dyeing and permanent waving, a flat weekly salary of \$46, and 50 per cent, additional of all profits over \$65 a week.

The strikers also demand that women and girls shall work not longer than nine hours a day, including one hour for luncheon, and that none shall go to work before 8 A. M. or work later than 9 P. M.

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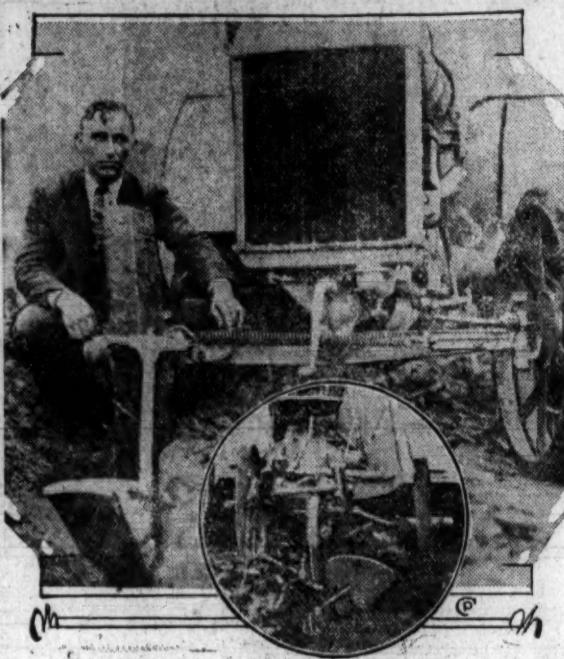
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## AUTOMATIC PLOWER INVENTED



An "automatic plow" has been invented by F. L. Zybach, railroad motor car inspector and farmer, living near Grand Island, Neb. By attaching a timed automatic steering device to a tractor, Zybach is able to do his work on the railroad while his tractor plows his fields. He is shown pointing to the device. Inset shows how the plow works from the rear of the tractor.

## Chair Workers of Gardner, Mass. in Organization Drive

GARDNER, Mass., May 16.—Continuing the work of organizing a union of chairworkers in Gardner begun so successfully on the 20th of March, the workers now have regular union meetings every week and have applied for a charter in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. They are hopeful that their request for affiliation will be soon granted that they may take their place in the ranks of the strongest unit in the American Federation of Labor.

At a meeting held on the 11th of May in the Franco-American Hall Gardner's very hopeful report was given by the financial secretary. "During the past week" ran the report despite the brawling tactics of the bosses, and in spite of the fact that our organizer can only devote one day a week to the work in this city, we have trebled our membership during the last five days. The superintendent of the Heywood Plant has been calling all the workers whom he suspects of being in favor of a union into the office and threatening them with the loss of their jobs. . . . But the workers have been well warned and they can lie to the boss as well as any boss can lie to them.

## Fool The Boss.

The workers have formed a committee composed of delegates from each of the twenty factories in the city, and this committee is proving its value as the real weapon for organizing in the machine industries. Every week the committee meets with the executive and reports on the work done in the factories during the week, and every week they turn in more and more application cards for membership in the union. Because of the fact that only two persons have access to the lists of membership and that the strength of the organization is not made public at the membership meetings, the bosses are crazy to know just what strength the workers really have. They have sent in two stooges to find out what is going on but they have had to go away no wiser than they were at the beginning.

The workers who have joined the union so far are almost all American born workers, and it is due to the efforts of these hard working exploited factory workers that the union has begun to grow as it has. The workers of Gardner have proven the theory that the working class can and does throw up its own leadership in time of struggle provided that the leaders of the working class can give them work to do. The workers of Gardner are confounding by their activities the theory that the American working masses have been bought off by high wages, self-owned cottages, and automobiles. The workers of Gardner, as do all wage-workers in large scale industry, replied to the pessimists, by getting down to work and forming a union.

They say that it may be true that they are bought off but that an average wage of \$18 a week does not look like that to them.

The workers of Gardner know their own business best and are pushing on to the formation of a powerful union in the chair city to protect their interests.

## Some Efficiency Expert.

At the union meeting held in Gardner on Wednesday 11th of May a talk was given by Organizer Murdoch on the methods of Banking Capital in Industry, as illustrated in the case of the Heywood Wakefield Co. since that firm has passed into the control of Henry Hornblower, influential Boston banker. In the discussion that followed one old worker who has been employed in the Heywood concern for eight years gave the following story.



## "Professional Patriots"

The Keymen of America and the Military Order of the World War are the patriotic organizations which are leading the war against the DAILY WORKER.

The labor-smashing activities of these hysterically patriotic organizations are described in *Professional Patriots*, edited by Norman Hapgood and published by Albert and Charles Boni.

The Keymen, led by Fred R. Marvin, who does a lucrative business "exposing the menace of Communism," claimed credit in 1924 of rendering "this nation a remarkable service in defeating socialism and communism which was manifested through the third ticket headed LaFollette and Wheeler."

The Advisory Council of the Keymen includes officials of the Associated Employers of Indianapolis, the National Founders Association, the National Clay Products Association, the Citizens Alliance of St. Paul, the Employers Association of Jackson, Michigan and the Builders' Exchange of San Francisco. In addition representatives from practically all the patriotic associations are on the council as well as the leading lights of the Chemical Warfare Reserve and the Military Intelligence Association.

## According to "Professional Patriots"

The organization announces that among other duties its members should be prepared to help stop the growth of Communism and Socialism, work for industrial freedom, keep informed through the Information Bureau of all subversive and radical movements, keep the Information Bureau posted on local activities of radical movements, and assist local newspapers to secure and print information that will aid in this character of work. The membership fee in the organization is \$12 per year which includes the daily information service of the organization appearing on the editorial page of the *Commercial*.

One of Mr. Marvin's latest feats is reflected in an editorial in the *New York World* (May 8, 1926) under the title, *Another Red Conspiracy Yarn*:

*The Army and Navy Journal* engages in a very curious enterprise when it prints an article under the heading "Oil 'Scandals' Engineered by Radicals," by Fred R. Marvin. Mr. Marvin is introduced as editor in chief of the *New York Commercial*, who is "accepted as the best-posted man in the United States on the origin, nature, purpose, methods and systems of the various radical and subversive organizations now infesting the United States and engaged in seeking to overthrow this government."

In effect, Mr. Marvin undertakes to make it appear, somehow, that the naval "oil scandals," as he calls them, were part of a Bolshevik or Communist plot. How, he does not show. He does assert that after the Senate investigating committee set to work, "the publicity work which followed was guided largely by the Socialist and Communist movements in this country."

Any such statement can hardly be charged to a faulty memory. But, as Mr. Marvin tells the story, when the cases went into the Federal Courts the truth came out: "There was no scandal. No one sought to rob the Government." Judge Kennedy, in the Teapot Dome case, cites as holding everything was all right. But the Russian conspiracy resulted in preventing "fuel-oil tanks at strategic points" and so on, from being used for the benefit of the navy.

Then in Mr. Marvin's text, under the heading "Schemers Win Their Desires" comes this: "But the incident, played up as it was because it came with the magic name 'scandal,' accomplished what the original projectors of the scheme expected it would accomplish."

"The 'strategic' play of Zinovjeff was a success." What is the conceivable purpose of publishing such fluff?

In connection with Mr. Marvin's articles the *Army* and *Navy Journal* ran an essay contest, the essays dealing with the "most effective remedy against pacifist propaganda."

The announcement of this essay contest contained the statement that *Army and Navy Journal* will furnish information upon which the essays may be based." Mr. Marvin signed the announcement.

## In the City of Mills

By MARY B. TRASK.

From the start Pinchak had been one of the leaders among the rank and file. An old man at the beginning of the strike, he had added ten years in as many months—one year for each skirmish with the officers of law and order. There had been a time when Pinchak lay ill in his dingy home, when the union doctor spoke gravely as he examined the bruises and cut which, it seemed, would never heal. They did heal, finally, and in a few weeks Pinchak was back on the picket line, asundaunted as ever. But not quite as well.

It was in the thirteenth month of the strike that he came into the office. I had not seen him for some time; only when he spoke did I realize that this bent shaking old man was Pinchak of the ready smile, "best of the bunch."

He lowered himself slowly into a chair—closed his eyes as if exhausted by the effort.

"Well, Fellow-Worker, what can we do for you?"

"It is not me—it is the doctor who has said." His English was little more of an effort than formerly. I have the weakness and the doctor say it is that I must have more of the food and more of coal for the house."

## No Money.

We could do nothing. Relief money was almost nonexistent. For the first time since the beginning of the strike we had been unable to pay gas bills—a month ago we had been forced to cut the relief almost in half. This, Pinchak knew. It was not to ask the impossible that he had come.

"I can not work—I have too much the weakness. But my boy is strong, and he wishes to go to the mill."

## Beaten Back.

Pinchak's son turned scab! Mike had been among the youngsters what his father had been on the picket line. He had thrown himself into the strike with all the enthusiasm of his fourteen years. But, if he did not work, how could his father live?

"All right, fellow-worker. Let the boy go back."

It was not the first time I had heard such strange advice given. What else was there to do?

But Pinchak was trying to make himself understood.

"It is that from the union I want a paper to say he should work. A paper that he is not a scab."

Not much to ask of the union for which he had fought so long, surely not much—only a little paper. But it was a thing the union could not give. Knowing this, we argued without hope against each other. It could not be done.

## No Scabbing.

"But, Pinchak, if he goes to work, everyone will know he has good reason. No one will blame him or you. Let him go to the mill."

Slowly, carefully, Pinchak got up. He reached his shaking hand to the man who had told him the decision.

"The union can not give me the paper—it is of no matter. Thank you the same, fellow-workers."

He started toward the door—it seemed hardly possible that he could walk alone.

"You will let the boy go to work, Pinchak?"

He turned to us an expressionless face. "With no paper? No. My boy will be no scab."

There was no use in further pleading. We stood silent as he left.

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## From Frigidaire to Furnace Room

By DONALD MCKILLOP, (Worker Correspondent)

I had no adventure on Saturday night, only an experience. The experience upset me more than the adventure of the previous Saturday because I am no longer a good Christian.

It is impossible for me to believe at once, in the Christian tenet of loving my neighbor as myself. So,

when it became evident that my mate and I would have to work until eleven o'clock at night in order to finish the job, the love of self made me curse inwardly at the state of affairs which pinned me down. The galling part of it was that the job could have been done in half the time had it not been

done for a stupid woman who follows blindly the dictates of her husband.

It would have required the miracle-working power of a Jesus Christ to convince that woman that the motor,

which drives the compressor of the "Frigidaire," would work silently in the bottom of the cabinet, and give no annoyance, whatsoever.

She insisted it had to go in the cellar where her better half wished. This meant

we had to cut through the stone wall of the cellar, the supporting beams and the floor above in order to lead the lines to the cabinet in the kitchen.

**Late Work Needless.**

When the husband arrived, we found him amenable to reason, but too late

to save us from the unnecessary work of cutting. It was poor consolation to my outraged feelings to have the husband admit, when the motor was running, that he didn't think it could be so quiet.

It is bad enough in all conscience,

overtime on any other day, but working

late on Saturday is anathema to me because where I come from

Saturday afternoon is inviolable to

bourgeois and Bolshevik alike. In

fact, those who get drunk only on

Saturday afternoon say that Saturday

is the day that God made. Sunday

being a holy day in Scotland, we

are able to recuperate from the dancing

or drinking of the previous day.

## BOOKS

## AN 18TH CENTURY ECONOMIST.

Laissez Faire and Communism, by John Maynard Keynes. New Republic, Inc., \$1.

Do not waste your money or your time on this volume. The essays that are printed between the two covers are more or less unrelated. One series deals, in a general way, with economic motives. The second series contains some sketchy impressions of Russia in 1925. The work contains no central theme and is not a unit in any sense.

Keynes' essays on Russia, which were printed serially in the New Republic, suffer from two causes. Incidentally, Mr. Keynes was not in Russia long enough to grasp the meaning of the Soviet experiment. Fundamentally, however, he is so unaware of the meaning of economic processes and sequences that he might have spent a decade in the Soviet Union and still have had no idea what it was all about.

Keynes, like so many liberals, sees economics in three dimensions—height, breadth and depth. In his economic world there is little room for either motion or for growth (evolution).

This limitation is well expressed in his essay on "Individualism."

"Laissez Faire," he writes, "drew its sustenance from many different revolts of thought and feeling." Its principles were formulated by "the political economists who sprang into prominence just at the right moment." These economists, who happened along, "told us that for certain deep-seated unfettered private enterprise would promote the greatest good of the whole. What could suit the business man better?"

Keynes makes the whole process accidental. He does not once suggest, in the whole essay, any possible connection between what the business men wanted (profits) and what the economists wrote.

The same point of view is expressed in a later essay. Keynes pays his respects to Marxian socialism; "how a doctrine so illogical and so dull can have exercised so powerful and enduring an influence over the minds of men, and thru them, the events of history." Again he assumes the dullness or brilliancy of an idea is the determining factor in its historic influence.

It seems strange that a man so intimately conversant with current economic facts and events should be unable to see any pattern connecting or relating them. Yet Mr. Keynes can write these essays on the economic plans of eighteenth and nineteenth century life without recognizing either the part played by economic forces in the determining of laissez-faire and other schools of thought and without finding any connection between economic events.

For him ideas happen along and economics occur as wantonly as snowflakes float out of a winter sky.

Mr. Keynes has a world-wide reputation as an economist. There is not a page in this work that would justify the assumption that he understands either economic forces or economic processes.

—SCOTT NEARING.

## A SENTIMENTAL REFORMER.

The Revolt of Modern Youth, by Judge Ben B. Lindsey and Wainwright Evans, Boni and Liveright, \$2.50.

One can see the moment he has completed the first chapter of this book, that Judge Lindsey likes to talk a lot, and does. The volume is worthless in all aspects save one—and that is, in its delineation of the conservative-liberal's attitude toward sex matters among the younger generation. The approach to the subject is thoroughly unscientific. The writing is perhaps the most sentimental balderdash that the last few years have produced. Very poorly connected and replete with repetitions and incidents that prove nothing except the obvious, "The Revolt of Modern Youth" has nevertheless been greeted by critics as "a human document" and "an enlightening bit of frankness." That, I can say right here, is all nonsense.

Lindsey deplores the wide breach now existing between parents and children but offers no solution.

"I am not attempting to offer solutions. I have no panacea," he says.

He recognizes the fact that parents are wrong in misunderstanding their children to the point where it becomes harmful both to the children and to them, but he forgives this because tradition dictates such a state of affairs. And it seems that Judge Ben Lindsey tradition is sacred. Everything is justified on that ground. But to create new customs, new social institutions—never!

He attacks the views of churchmen on juvenile delinquency but adds that he does "not cite these cases as attacks on the clergy or the church." The social causes that underly these conditions and that have produced this false sex modesty between people are never touched upon.

The politician in Lindsey shows itself too. A great portion of the book is devoted to a defense of himself and his methods against the methods of people "who have tried to blacken my name with trumped up stories in the past and who would welcome the flimsiest pretext to do it again."

His suggestions are always for individual remedies in the present social state. Beyond that he cannot see.

Our suggestion in ending is that in the event of the book's running into several editions, the name should be changed to "A Judge's Lament" to be in perfect harmony with his treatment.

—EDWIN ROLFE.

## FROM BARBARISM THRU CIVILIZATION.

Where Is Civilization Going? by Scott Nearing. New York, Vanguard Press. Fifty cents.

Scott Nearing has scored again! This time with a smashing attack upon the prophets of confusion and despair, the Menckens and the Spenglers. "They see capitalism toppling"; he writes. "They feel the foundation of civilization crumbling under their feet, and they have neither the knowledge nor the understanding to realize that the labor movement is already building a new social structure upon the ruins of civilization." (p. 78.)

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